the conditions mentioned in the statement will serve the purpose in safeguarding the interests of the twenty million certificate-holders and whether the Government is considering any proposal for nationalisation of Peerless Finance and General Investment Company.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: The honourable Member wants information about a specific company. The information is not readily available with me. I shall pass on the information to him.

*287. [*The questioners (Shri Shanker Sinh Vaghela and Shri Pramod Mahajan were absent. For answer* vide *col.* 36 infra]

Historic Nabha Jail Monument

*288. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 7th January, 1988 to the effect that Historic Nabha Jail is crumbling wherein Late Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru and his two other colleagues were kept for ten days; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to protect the monument?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government have informed that late Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru and others were not confined in the Nabha District Jail, but in a separate premises in Maharaja Hira Singh Park in Nabha which is maintained by the Municipal Committee, Nabha. The State Government have been advised to take appropriate action for its maintenance.

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: My question related to the historic Nabha Jail wherein Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru with two of his colleagues had been kept, whether that jail is crumbling or not. The Minister's reply relates to Nabha District Jail. This is very curious. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru with two of his colleagues had been confined in a park known as Maharaja Heera Singh Park. That park might have been converted into a jail. As is known to everybody, that place where the illustrious Jawaharlal Nehru with two of his colleagues had been kept was overnight changed into a jail. Just as the jail in Andaman and Nicobar where freedom fighters had been kept has been preserved as a national monument, I would like to know from the honourable Minister whether this park can be treated or whether the Government is thinking of treating it as a national monument—the park where the illustrious son of India had been imprisoned—and whether they can take the responsibility of preserving and maintaining it.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: As I have already answered, the place where the late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the architect of modern India, the builder of modern India, was lodged with two of his colleagues, we have asked the Municipal Committee to maintain that place properly; we have also asked the State Government to see that it is maintained. We shall again write to the State Government and the Municipal Committee that they should take proper care of that park. I have already said it in my answer....

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: As a national monument?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: For maintaining it as a national monument we have to enact a legislation. We shall put it before the Ministry of Human Resources and then they will come forward with a proposal.

श्री धर्मचन्द प्रशान्त : सभापति महोदया केन्द्रीय सरकार के सामने क्या कोई ऐसा प्रपोजल है कि जहां हमारे बड़े-बड़े नेता, गांधी जी, पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू और सुभाषचन्द्र बोस कैद में रहे थे उन जगहों को एक मीनूमेंट के रूप में परिवर्तित किया जाय?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Sir, whenever these questions come to the notice of the Government of India, the Government takes measures to declare monuments as national monuments. But it is the Department of Culture under the

Ministry of Human Resource Development which decides it. Therefore, whenever any such suggestion comes, we refer it to that Ministry. There is no difficulty about it. Sir, the Government of India will like these monuments to be treated as national monuments.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Next Question. Question No. 289.

*289. [*The questioner (Shri Suresh Pachouri) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 36-37 infra]

*290. [*The questioners (Shri V. Gopalsamy and Shri T. R. Balu) were absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 38-39 infra]

*291. [*The questioner (Dr. Nagen Saikia was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 39-42 infra]

*292. [*The questioner (Prof. C. Lakshmanna) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 42-43 infra]

*293. [*The questioner (Shri Chimanbhai Mehta) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 43-44 infra]

*294. [*The questioners (Shri Sunil Basu Ray and Shri Ramnarayan Goswami) were absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 44-45 infra]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 295. Mr. Kulkarni.

External and Internal debts

*295. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the external and internal debt position of the country as on the 31st December, 1987 and how much of external debt is in hard currency and how much in rupee currency;

(b) what is the quantum of interest and other expenses for servicing these two loans; and

(c) in view of huge borrowings, both external and internal and increased deficits, what steps Government propose to take to improve the economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Accounts figures as on 31st December, 1987 are not yet available. However, the position estimated as on 31st March, 1988 for the Central Government is indicated in the statement, which is laid on the Table of the House (*See below*).

(c) The steps to be taken to improve the economy are outlined in the Budget Speech for 1988-89 and Economic Survey 1987-88.

Statement

(*Rs. in crores*)

A. *External and internal debt position* of the Central Government as on 31-3-1988 (estimated)	
(i) External debt (converted at the average exchange rates for February, 1988)	36,855
Of which	
Hard currency	35,732
Rupees currency	1,213
(ii) Internal debt of Central Government	1,70.834
B. *Interest payment* in 1987-88 (estimated)	
(i) Interest on external debt	1.034
(ii) Interest on internal debt of Central Government	10,416